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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 0592 VICE 0591)

FOR EMBASSY CAPETOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BRIEFING OF SOUTH AFRICAN OPPOSITION PARTIES

REF: CAPETOWN 295

CONTACT GROUP AGREED FEBRUARY 17 WITH CAPETOWN FIVE SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO PROVIDE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH AUTHORIATIVE BACKGROUND ON THE PROPOSAL PRIOR TO THE FORTHCOMING PARLIMENTARY DEBATE ON NAMIBIA. RATHER THAN PROVIDE THOSE PARTIES (AS SUGGESTED REFTEL). WITH COPIES OF SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL BEING PREPARED FOR THE PRESS (AND NOT YET COMPLETED), GROUP AGREED THAT CAPE TOWN FIVE SHOULD ARRANGE AT THEIR DISCRETION TO BRIEF PARTIES FULLY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL, THE REASONS FOR WESTERN FIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE NAMIBIA QUESTION, AND THE REASONS WHY AN INTER-NATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF SOUTH AFRICA. GROUP BELIEVES THAT BRIEFINGS SHOULD
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BE INFORMAL, LOW-KEY, AND SHOULD INVOLVE AT MOST TWO OR THREE WESTERN FIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN EACH BRIEFING. GROUP CONSIDERED THE IDEA OF PVOVIDING COPIES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSAL TO THE PARTIES, BUT THIS IDEA MET WITH OPPOSITION PRIMARILY FROM THE BRITISH, WHO CLAIMED THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. WE DID NOT PRESS THE POINT

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BELIEVING THAT THE FULL BRIEFINGS WOULD BE EQUALLY
ADVANTAGEOUS AND THAT THE PARTIES WOULD BE ABLE TO
OBTAIN COPIES THROUGH THEIR OWN MEANS.
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